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 $1. \ \ ACCORDING TO \ YUGOSLAV \ EMBASSY \ COUNSELOR \ MALETIC, MINISTER \ FOR \ THE$

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ECONOMY, MADAM KRISTINIC (PH), WILL BE YUGOSLAV MINISTERIAL DELEGATE

TO BAUXITE PRODUCERS CONFERENCE OPENING MARCH 1. MADAM KRISTINIC ARRIVED IN CONAKRY FEBRUARY 25 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS WITH GUINEANS PRIOR TO CONFERENCE. MALETIC SAID THAT IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE ISMAEL TOURE WHO IS STILL UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR ASTHMA, GUINEAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DOMAINE N' FAMARA KEITA. AS FOR AGENDA, MALETIC SAID HE CONVINCED GUINEANS HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED WORK ON IT AS YUGOSLAVS STILL UNABLE TO GET COPY AS OF FEB 26.

2. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED MALETIC IF HE KNEW WHY OTHER COUNTRIES PRODUCING BAUXITE SUCH AS US AND FRANCE HAD NOT BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONGRESS, HE REMARKED "THE RUSSIAN ASKED THE SAME QUESTION." HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT IDEA OF CONFERENCE WAS FIRST DISCUSSED BY GUINEA AND GUYANA WITH PRESIDENT TITO AT SEP 1973 MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS AT ALGIERS. IT WAS AGREED THAT THESE THREE COUNTRIES WOULD THEN TRY TO FORM ASSOCIATION FO BAUXITE PRODUCERS FROM NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. AUSTRALIA WAS INCLUDED, SAID MALETIC, BECAUSE SHE HAD SENT AN OBSERVER TO ALGIERS MEETING. US, FRANCE, GREECE AND TURKEY SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED AS THEY ARE NOT "NON-ALIGNED," AND THEREFORE INELLIGIBLE. BELGRADE MEETING, HOWEVER, DID NOT COMPLETE WORK ON CHARTER BECAUSE OF DIFFERING VIEWS HELD BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS AND ITEM WAS HELD OVER FOR CONAKRY MEETING.

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